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(U) Sacramento – New Jersey Man Attempted to Scam California EDD for \$2.5 Million

(U) On Thursday, a federal grand jury in Sacramento indicted Eric Michael Jaklitsch, 40, of Elizabeth, New Jersey, on charges of wire fraud and aggravated identity theft, the latest charges in the ongoing scandal involving billions-of-dollars of losses from phony claims made to California's unemployment insurance system since the start of the pandemic. One claim filed with California's Employment Development Department (EDD) was in the name of someone claiming to be a "children's zoo caretaker" in Sacramento who earned \$124,000 until being laid off because of COVID-19. Another was for an "aqua fitness instructor" in Sacramento who was making \$105,000 annually until they lost their job after getting COVID. Yet another was for a Los Angeles chauffeur who also had a background as a zoologist. These are just three of the 78 phony unemployment claims federal officials say were filed by a New Jersey man who received \$900,000 in fraudulent payments and attempted to fleece California out of up to \$2.5 million.

SOURCE: 20 January 2022, Sacramento Bee

(U) San Francisco – Suspect Killed in Shootout at SFO Airport Train Station, DOJ Investigating

(U) The death of a man armed with two handguns, who was shot and killed by police at San Francisco Airport on Thursday is now under investigation by the Department of Justice. An SFO spokesperson said that authorities responded to reports of an armed suspect near the Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) station around 7:30 am Thursday morning. When officers arrived, they sought to deescalate the situation, but the suspect continued to "exhibit threatening behavior." They reportedly fired beanbag projectiles to neutralize the suspect, but he continued to advance. Police then fired several fatal shots at the suspect. There is no word as to where bullets struck the man or how many officers were involved in the shooting. First responders administered aid to the suspect, but he died at the scene. One other person suffered a minor injury, but was treated and release on the scene. There is no reported indication of domestic terrorism, according to a spokesperson for the police department. The police department plans to review the tactics used to deescalate the situation.

SOURCE: 21 January 2022, Fox News

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia - Oath Keepers Cached Weapons for 6 January US Capitol Attack

(U) Washington – The right-wing Oath Keepers militia group was prepared to move a stash of firearms and equipment from a Virginia hotel to rioters on 6 January 2021, federal prosecutors said, painting the most detailed portrait yet of the planning the group's members allegedly undertook as they tried to stop the certification of Joe Biden's 2020 presidential election win. Edward Vallejo, 63, an Arizona man arrested last week on seditious-conspiracy and other charges, worked with others to coordinate what is being called "quick reaction forces" stationed at a Comfort Inn in Arlington, Virginia, prosecutors said. The teams, armed with weapons, ammunition, and "essential supplies to last 30-days," awaited direction on the day of the riot and ultimately didn't need to deliver the materials since the group successfully breached the US Capitol without them, the prosecutors said. SOURCE: 20 January 2022, WSJ

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(U) District of Columbia - Second Man Charged in Connection with Plot to Kill Haitian President

(U) Washington – A dual Haitian-Chilean citizen was arrested yesterday based on criminal charges related to his alleged involvement in the assassination of the former President of Haiti, Jovenel Moise, on 7 July 2021. Rodolphe Jaar, 49, is charged with conspiring to commit murder or kidnapping outside the United States and providing material support resulting in death, knowing or intending that such material support would be used to prepare for or carry out the conspiracy to kill or kidnap. Jaar is the second individual to be charged and arrested in the US for his role in the assassination plot. As alleged in the complaint, which was unsealed yesterday, the defendant and others, including a group of approximately 20 Colombian citizens and several dual Haitian-American citizens, participated in a plot to kidnap or kill the Haitian President.

SOURCE: 21 January 2022, <u>Jamaica Observer</u>

(U) Iowa – Man Behind Explosive Device Pleads Guilty to Federal Charges

(U) Ankeny – The man responsible for several pipe bombs that rattled an Ankeny residential street last year has pleaded guilty to federal weapons charges. Chad Williams, 47, of Johnston admitted in court Thursday he attempted to set off three homemade explosive devices in May and June of 2021. Two of the devices detonated as planned, causing minor damage to the street and unoccupied vehicles. A third did not explode and was discovered on 9 June by an 8-year-old girl, but police were able to disarm the device. Prosecutors filed three charges against Williams: possessing a firearm as an unlawful drug user, making a destructive device, and unlawful possession of a destructive device. Under a plea deal, Williams pleaded guilty Thursday to the first two charges and agreed to forfeit a handgun and ammunition to the government.

SOURCE: 20 January 2022, MSN

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Iraq – ISIS Gunmen in Iraq Kill 11 Soldiers in Barracks Attack

(U) Baghdad – Gunmen from the Islamic State in Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS) attacked an army barracks in a mountainous area north of Baghdad early Friday, killing 11 soldiers as they slept, Iraqi security officials said. The officials said the attack occurred in the Al-Azim district, an open area north of Baqouba in Diyala province. The circumstances of the attack were not immediately clear, but two officials said ISIS broke into the barracks at 3 a.m. local time and shot dead the soldiers. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity as they weren't authorized to issue official statements. The brazen attack more than 75-miles north of the capital Baghdad was one of the deadliest targeting the Iraqi military in recent months. SOURCE: 20 January 2022, Washington Times

(U) Pakistan – Market Explosion Kills Three People

(U) Lahore – A powerful bombing struck a crowded bazar Thursday in Pakistan's second largest city, Lahore, killing at least three people and wounding 28, police and rescue officials said. A newly formed separatist group from southwestern Baluchistan province claimed responsibility for the attack. The blast was so powerful that it damaged several shops at the famous Anarkali bazar, according to witnesses. Video footage from the scene showed burning motorcycles and victims crying out for help. The killed and wounded included passers-by, shoppers, and local store owners.

SOURCE: 20 January 2022, Democracy Now

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